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'ROUNDABOUT THE STATE.

Cleaned from Exchanges--Made by the Shears, the Pencil and the Paste Pot--Some Original, Some Credited, and Some Stolen, but Nearly All Interesting Reading.

Linn County will vote on local option October 15.

Odesa modestly admits that there are four miles of oiled streets within the city limits.

The Sheridan Advance thinks that men would not tell nearly so many lies if it were not for the curiosity of women.

Two sisters who had not seen each other for forty-five years met at the home of one of them at Leesville the other day.

A distinction claimed for Clark by the Chronicle is that it is the only town of its size in the world that has no moving pictureshow.

Those who live by the hammer shall die by the hammer, paraphrases the Brookfield Argus. The knocker but digs his own grave.

At the band concert at Marceline, Saturday night, the bass drummer's offering was a couple of solos and nobody said it was "bum."

A black winged pelican measuring seven feet from tip to tip of its wings was killed on the Missouri river near Parkville, Tuesday.

James Jesse is cashier of a bank at Mexico and the Louisiana Press-Journal notes that it looks like "Jesse James" in the telephone book.

A Harrisonville visitor felt that he had a grievance the other day, when he went up to a soda fountain, winked at the dispenser, ordered "ginger" and got it.

From twenty three acres of well tended orchard near Sarcosie, Charles Shull this season sold \$2,650 worth of fruit. The Record thinks that is better than wheat raising.

Noting that there is complaint that it is impossible to get motor cars delivered as fast as people want them, the Springfield Republican's only comment is that no such trouble is encountered in buying farm implements.

The Bolekow cemetery now has 233 marked graves and six unmarked. Eli Johnson was the first person buried there, which was on December 5, 1889, and J. G. Lester was the last one, which occurred Thursday, Sept. 2, 1915.

"Gentlemen of the jury" is what a lawyer will call 'em until a verdict is rendered against him; then he will designate the deliberative dozen by phrases no family journal can afford to print. So it appears to the Macon Chronicle.

Springfield's police station was ordered closed by the city's health commissioner after an inspection as to sanitation. The commissioner clinched his order by nailing up the rooms he declared unfit for use. The hold-over was not put out of commission.

The voters of Atchison county defeated the proposition to issue \$250,000 in special road improvement bonds last week. It required a two thirds majority to win the election. The proposition carried favorably in the east part of the county, but the voters on the west side turned it down hard.

Black Joe Miller of Warrensburg was posted as a lookout while a bunch of his comrades were indulging in a bit of craps. When he saw the "law" come pestivating around he emitted a Comanche warwhoop which busted up the game. Then Joe was yanked before Judge McFarland and given sixty days. "What fo', jedge?" asked the coon. "For hollerin," was the reply of his honor. "My land, jedge," said Joe aggrievedly, "just time I see ebbeh knowed you to send a niggah to jail fo' talking too much." Does look tough, now don't it?

About the tiniest live animal ever weighed in Linneus was a young ruby throat humming bird which was picked up, chilled, on our public square yesterday morning. The little fellow had a finely developed coat of green, but his throat colors were not fully in "bloom." After being warmed he could fly and was evidently not injured. On being placed on an apothecary's scale, he tipped the beam at 47 1-2 grains--half a grain less than one-tenth of an ounce apoth.--Linneus Bulletin.

Another indication that sets aside the goose bone, the corn husk and other theories in regard to the visitation of early frosts is presented by a Nodaway county farmer. He says there isn't going to be any heavy frosts until late in the season. He takes his cue from observing the habits of the cockle burr and he claims he never misses. The cockle burr is a very thrifty growing plant but the frost never catches it with the seed infertile. They must be fertile to insure a crop the following year.

An alligator caught recently by John Bruner at Jefferson City proved to be something more than a mere saurian. It was a veritable "white elephant," for it had to be fed on chicken and at a time when frying size "springs" were worth 65 cents each. There was no regret when the alligator escaped a day or so ago, as the weather is getting to cold to go swimming any how.

A. C. Parsons called us up yesterday afternoon and told us that he had just gotten through talking over the phone with Sam Warner at New York City. This is probably the longest telephone talk ever before made in King City, and Mr. Parsons says that his talk was just as distinct as if he was talking to anyone in this city.--King City Democrat.

"Dare Devil" Charles Green, a well known aeronaut, was killed at Cowgill Thursday afternoon while making a double parachute leap from his big balloon. He was under contract to give an ascension each day of the street fair at that place, and it was on the opening day that he was killed.

If you are a hobo and to light for heavy work you'd best give Moberly a wide berth. They'll weight you down over there and have you help fix the streets. The city council has purchased eight sets of "ball-and-chain" regalia for hampering the flight of would-be fugitives in the toils of the police.

Just "generally unlucky" is the way it appears to the Brainerd Bee, noting that a railroad employ has been taken to Chillicothe to undergo his nineteenth surgical operation.

When a Princeton milkman the other evening had driven to town from his home two miles away he found two chickens roosting on the front axle of his milk wagon. He did not disturb them and when he got home a couple of hours later they were still there.

Uncle Tom Sellars has our thanks for a bushel of nice apples. There are few editors that can boast of being thus remembered by one of his readers who is 103 years old, and it is a source of pleasure to us to know Uncle Thomas is keeping us in mind.--Westboro Enterprise.

A brick marked with a deer track was a curio brought in to the Liberty Tribune by Bob Thompson a few days ago. The brick was hand-made and soft as was usual in the early part of the last century. It was from construction work done on the old United States arsenal at Liberty Landing in 1837 or 1838. The deer track evidently had been made while the brick was drying. Mr. Thompson told The Tribune he frequently picks up musket balls and other relics from the sight of the old building.

Bailey Lucas, a farmer of the Ardmore country, was exhibiting a freak sweet potato growth in town Tuesday. Fourteen potatoes were grown on the one vine and they varied in length from an inch or so to thirty-seven and a half inches, four being more than fourteen inches in length. All of the potatoes were slender, but solid and had a delightfully sweet taste. They were of the Yellow Bermuda variety and were grown for the first time in his vicinity by Mr. Lucas this year.--Macon Times-Democrat.

The story of a hen hatching out a setting of hawk eggs, the Macon Times-Democrat admits, may be taken with a grain of salt, but here it is: A Macon county woman was desirous of raising some bantams and her husband promised her a setting of bantam eggs. Unable to procure them and anxious to keep in the good graces of his spouse, he robbed a hawk's nest, taking the eggs home. The trusting wife put the eggs under a setting hen and did not suspect what had happened until the little fuzzy hawks pecked through their shells.

Kenneth Baker, who is working near Sikeston, was in to see the Eagle man Monday he showed us a stone ax, dug out of a mound which was of unusual size, measuring fifteen inches long and seven and a half inches at its broadest part. It was of white flint and had been skillfully chipped until its edge was almost as sharp as a metal ax. He also had two smaller axes, some arrow heads and two circular, bullet-like granite stones with sunk places on each side. Baker has for several years been interested in mounds and the various implements contained therein and has quite a large and valuable collection, having several hundred arrow heads, axes, spikes and other stone caries, several pipes and twenty-eight pieces of pottery, all of which had been obtained from mounds in Mississippi, Scott and New Madrid counties.--East Prairie Eagle.

Rye Stops Washing.

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The heavy rains of last summer have shown the great injury to land which may be brought about through soil washing. Unfortunately, this washing will continue during the fall and winter on all rolling lands which are left bare. Stalk fields are especially subject to fall and winter erosion, and there is much of this land every year which is allowed to stand untouched during the fall and winter. Efforts should be made to sow some cover crop on such land where possible. The use of cover crops is one of those principles of soil conservation which farmers on rolling lands must learn to practice.

Rye is undoubtedly the best cover crop for Missouri conditions, as shown by the experience of the Agricultural Experiment Station. The man who has never used rye to prevent washing will be surprised at the way its roots hold the soil. Even half a bushel of rye sown broadcast and harrowed in during September will give striking effects, although a bushel or a bushel and a half is better. The pasture received from such a crop will pay well for the seed and labor, so that the prevention of soil washing costs practically nothing.

Wheat and barley give an effect similar to that of rye and the pasture secured is practically as good but for average conditions rye is to be preferred. Rye is somewhat harder than either wheat or barley and may be sown somewhat later if wanted only for soil binding.

RYE AND VETCH SAVE SOILS.

In southern Missouri, a winter vetch or crimson clover may often be mixed with the rye, sown to stop soil washing, and when these are sown in late August or early September they may be used alone. Such crops when inoculated, have the usual nitrogen-fixing benefit of legumes but their roots are not as efficient in soil-binding as those of rye and they must be sown early for best results. In this section, winter oats make a good fall cover crop but they do not satisfactorily stand the winter north of Springfield, as a rule.

"Slim" Etheredge, colored, was brought out from the Cape a few days ago and lodged in jail--his second home--because he had become tangled up with some chickens that didn't belong to him. The case of Slim, and a few others like him, are pretty well hopeless. Take him for example. He has been in jail here almost time without number. Only during the present term of a Circuit court he pleaded guilty to stealing a watch from M. A. Scott at the Cape, and the fact that there was grave doubt of the watch being worth as much as \$30 saved him from going to the penitentiary. His sentence expired only a few days ago, and here he is back in jail again. He has served a term in Federal prison. A jail sentence has absolutely no terrors for fellows of this stripe. The very next time they are brought before Circuit court the "habitual criminal act" ought to be invoked, just to set an example that there is such a thing as getting into serious trouble even though trying to keep just an inch or two this side of committing felonies.--Jackson Home.

Select Seed Corn Early.

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Always select seed corn in the field before frosts and freezes injure it. Scoop-shovel selection, or even more careful crib picking next spring, will be especially fatal if frost injures the corn this fall. When the harvest is on and you begin to gather the crop, you cannot tell which ears matured early and would be likely to produce an early crop that will avoid frost next year. You are too busy to study seed ears, anyhow, when trying to put as many bushels as possible into the crib each day.

Only in the field is it possible to know whether an ear is large because it was produced on the only stock in the hill and so had more than its share of sunshine and plant food. Careful experimentation tests have shown that the ears which are good in spite of having been grown on poor soil and a some what crowded stand are more productive than those on highly fertile fields or in thin stands.

Only in the field can you tell whether the ear was too high or too low on the stalk and whether it stood so erect that the fall rains would enter the husks and spoil the ear. Ears that stand almost erect will be materially injured in case of a prolonged rainy fall even though no frosts or freezes should come before the corn is harvested. If the corn should be frozen before harvesting and when it is still wet from a cold rain, it is not unreasonable to think some of it would be killed. Ears that have a longer shank and point down are much better.

Ear height is important not only because the lower ears are more convenient to harvest, but also because prolonged experiments have proved that low ears are generally earlier in maturing than the high ears. Therefore, select the ears that appear on the stalk from three to four feet high and unconsciously, but surely, the ear height and maturity of your corn will be influenced.

Sterling Stegall, age 18, and William Carver, 16, broke Farmington jail Monday night about 9 o'clock, by prying the iron bars apart with a bed railing. They were not in the main building but in an addition that has been added to the jail since the main building was erected. The boys were in jail awaiting their trial in the next term of the Circuit court for breaking into Wells Mercantile Co's store at Bonne Terre some time ago. The lads came to the M. R. & B. T. station at Flat River and entered, taking some pennies and tickets and from there they went to the station at St. Francois, where they entered taking like articles. They then journeyed to Desloge where they took two horses belonging to the Goff Mercantile Co. Sheriff Williams telephoned to Deputy Sam Doss after they had broken out of jail and he at once started a search for them. He stationed himself near the lake south of Bonne Terre and the thieves appeared there about 3 o'clock Tuesday morning and were arrested by Doss and brought to Desloge where they were given breakfast and then taken back to their home in Farmington. These are young boys to begin such a criminal career and they should be so dealt with as to stop them from any future plans along those lines.--Desloge Sun.

MUST KILL PRAIRIE DOGS

Texas Land Owners Are Compelled by Law to Destroy the Pests.

Austin, Tex.--Prairie dogs are declared to be a public nuisance, according to an act passed at the special session of the Thirty-fourth legislature and which act is now effective. The act also provides for their extermination, but no bounty is given by the state for eliminating the so-called pests; owners of land on which prairie dogs exist are required under the law to kill them and an allowance of two years is given to such owners to rid their lands of the nuisance.

It is also made the duty of the county commissioners of any county in which prairie dogs exist to investigate and determine whether owners of lands in their respective commissioners' precincts have complied with the provisions of the law.

In the event the owner of land on which prairie dogs exist fails to destroy such pests the act empowers the sheriff of the county involved to proceed and destroy the nuisance.

For his service the sheriff is allowed five dollars a day for actual service, and this sum is to be paid by the county commissioners, but the amount so paid shall be assessed against the owner of land and the account or claim entered as a lien against the land in case of failure to pay the amount due the county.

CAUSES RUSH FOR TIMBER

Great Demand for Wood Product to Make Guncocks for Use in War.

Kane, Pa.--The enormous demand for acetate of lime, used in the manufacture of guncocks, has resulted in the greatest rush in history for Pennsylvania timber lands. Chemical manufacturers are buying all available timber tracts throughout this section, but have met with much competition from the New York and Pennsylvania companies, which has paper mills at Lock Haven and Johnstown, the mill at the latter place being the largest in the United States. This company has just closed a deal for 5,000 acres of timber lands near Bradford, over the McKean county line.

During the last two months the paper company has purchased thousands of acres of timber land throughout the country, the most important being located in the states of Washington and Maine.

CHARGED WITH NEGLIGENCE



The lack of ammunition, which the Russians say was the cause of their repeated defeats, has been put up to General Soukhomlinoff, who, until his removal, was the Russian war minister. For his alleged neglect of duty in permitting the Russian forces to run short of ammunition, he is to be tried by a superior court appointed by the czar himself. General Nicholas Petroff has been appointed president of the court.

One the Lucky Fellow.

Denver--That snakes swallow bright objects has been demonstrated by Harry Godfrey when he killed a large snake and on skinning the reptile noticed a bulging spot on its body. He investigated further and found it to be a small gold bracelet with a stone setting and the letters "F. M. A. to B. G. R. Des Moines, Iowa, June 1, 1905," engraved on it.

Good Advice.

"I suffer terribly from indigestion, doctor. What shall I take for it?" "I ain't no much what you take," replied the physician. "It's what you stop taking." Whereupon he proceeded to make out a long list of the things his patient must not eat.